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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) SUBJECT: ARGENTINE BILATERAL; HUMAN RIGHTS; NUCLEAR NON-**PROLIFERATION**

- SECRETARY INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES THAT US WOULD ABSTAIN ON WORLD BANK LOANS TODAY WITH A STATEMENT THAT INCLUDED REFERENCE TO SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN ARGENTINA. MONTES ACCEPTED THOUGH HE AND COLLEAGUES DESCRIBED AT LENGTH WHY THIS FACT, GOA DOES NOT FEEL IT IS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS. STRONGEST THRUST OF ARGENTINE COMMENT WAS NEED FOR US TO HAVE BETTER INFORMATION ON ARGENTINE SITUATION. WE INFORMED THEM IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA IN THE FUTURE AND WE HOPED THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN WE COULD VOTE FOR A LOAN TO ARGENTINA. WE ALSO TOLD THEM OF THE AMENDMENT INTRODUCED YESTERDAY BY SENATOR KENNEDY WHICH WOULD HAVE CUT OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA. WE ADDED THAT THIS HAD BEEN MODIFIED ON THE FLOOR SO AS NOT TO TAKE EFFECT UNTIL FALL OF 1978, BUT SUBJECT TO CONDITION THAT PROGRESS BE MADE IN HUMAN RIGHTS.
- 2. FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES AND VICE MINISTER ALLARA PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF "CONTINUING ARRANGEMENT FOR FRANK DIALOGUE ON MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN" INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS. WE RESPONDED WE WOULD LIKE A FRANK DIA-LOGUE, AND SAID THAT PAT DERIAN WOULD BE LINK IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR OTHER MATTERS, WOULD RELY ON AMBASSADOR AND SPECIALISTS. SECRETARY SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUING PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MONTES.
- AMB TODMAN RAISED QUESTION OF ARGENTINE ADHERENCE TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. ARLIA REPLIED THAT GOA WAS REVIEWING POLICY TOWARD IT AND NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY BUT WAS MORE LIKELY TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS. WE SAID WE HOPED THAT IN THIS REVIEW THEY WOULD DECIDE TO SIGN TREATY AND URGED THIS ACTION STRESSING THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE AND NOTING THAT IT WAS IN NO WAY INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROPER PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. VANCE

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